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to the United States Patent and Trademark Office not later than the expiration of thirty months from the priority date:

(2) The basic national fee (see § 1.492(a)).

In this case, the thirty-month time period for PCT/IB2004/003676 expired on 10 May 2006. As such, the national stage papers were timely submitted on 02 May 2006. The Form PTO-1390 transmittal letter signed by Mr. Moetteli authorized the appropriate fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2621.

A review of USPTO financial records show that there was enough money in Deposit Account No. 50-2621 to pay the appropriate fees and that Mr. Moetteli was authorized to charge fees to this account.

Accordingly, the above-captioned application should not have been abandoned pursuant to 37 CFR 1.495(b)(2).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, applicants' petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is GRANTED.

The Form PCT/DO/EO/909 mailed 05 March 2007 is hereby VACATED.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing.

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